

OUR SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER TABLE SERIES

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BY OUR SERIES EDITOR.
ALMANAC AND DIARY.
SHORT METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK.

August.
Monday, 26.—The Highlanders go to Strawberry Mansion and spend the day in flinging hammers, and stones, and other things. Having got through with this "highland fling," they fling themselves on the grass.

Tuesday, 27.—An excited bull becomes rampant in Broad street, and gets shot in consequence. It appears that the only street in the city where excited "bulls" can tear around in personal safety is Third street.

Wednesday, 28.—The Society for the Promotion of Cruelty to Animals issues a circular offering five dollars, reward for the party who took the lion's head off the hydrant in Dock street. Putting an iron lion's head to a hydrant in hot weather, seems like irony.

Thursday, 29.—Andy joins the Pythons—a colored base-ball club of Philadelphia. They propose presenting him with a new "bat," made of brick clay, pressed.

Friday, 30.—Fernando Wood visits the President to solicit the position of Secretary of the Treasury. He explained his "policy" to the President, and wanted Andy to take some "numbers."

Saturday, 31.—SERIES COLUMN DAY. The Editor returns from Washington, highly pleased with his interview with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Florence. Thinks that Tom will think better of THE TELEGRAPH the more he sees of it.

SERIES EDITOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President is Made a Base-Baller!

HE JOINS THE MUTUAL CLUB OF N. Y.

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Full Disclosures of the Speeches and Doings!

WASHINGTON, D. C.
The arrival of the famed Mutual Club of



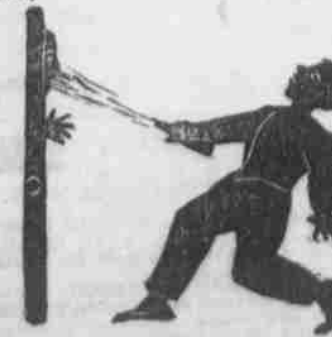
BASE BALLERS

here created no little commotion in base ball circles, and as their bats were flitting around their headquarters at Willard's, that famed hotel (the scene of so many ball circles, base and other kinds) was literally besieged by the members of the fraternity, all eager to catch a glimpse of the visitors. The report had somehow gone before them that they intended to elect Mr. Johnson as their "short stopper," believing that he had peculiar talents for stopping short. The Mutuals, accordingly, held a meeting at their rooms this morning, and elected President Johnson a member of the Club. Coroner Wildey, of New York, then asked me to take them around to the Executive Mansion, and introduce them to the President, which I did. The Coroner informed the President that the Mutual Base Ball Club were now on a friendly visit to this city, and were the guests of the National Club; and were stopping at Willard's at a big expense per day; that this morning they had, on the eighth ballot, elected him a member of their Club, in the position of "short stopper." The President here laughed heartily, and striking a bell, he said to the Club that he would show them the only kind of



"STOPPERS"

he was any ways familiar with. "Only don't make me a pitcher," said he, laughingly, "and I shall be entirely satisfied." (Great applause.) At this juncture an intelligent freedman, who must have understood that particular "bell," arrived with a few decanters and champagne bottles, and proceeded immediately to remove the stoppers. The noise of the popping soon brought Mr. Tom Florence from the kitchen, and just as he was entering the room a champagne cork struck him fair in the face. The President immediately exclaimed, with his ready wit,



"OUT ON THE FLY."

which raised shouts of laughter from the Mutuals, who were not expecting such an appre-

ciation of the points of their game by the President.

After several "corkers" had been given by the different members of the Mutuals, Coroner Wildey presented to the President the badge of membership.

The President replied that he was much pleased to accept the badge and the honor of being a member of the Club. Tom Florence ran and got him a pin. He then attached the badge to the lapel of his coat. He said he held the game of base ball to be a moral recreation, and of all recreations he thought the moral kind ought to be encouraged; he believed in morals. He thought any game that hadn't a moral connected with it ought not to be allowed any more than a tale in a newspaper without a moral. The game never attached any disgrace to the members. He had played the game when a young man, and was always delighted with it. But since he had left Tennessee, he had had other games to play, of which the moral points were not so prominent. He said his little game with Congress might be called a base-ball match. They kept giving him balls in the shape of various bills, which it took all of his strength as batter to knock beyond the range of the "fielders." He handled a favorite bat which he called "my polley," and with which he had given "daisy cutters" to many a ball of measures pitched at him by the radicals, which he had tried his best to keep out in the field, while his friends made their innings count.

He was now



"AT THE BAT,"

so to speak, and he intended to do his level best in giving Sheridan, Sickles, Howard, and others a few "skyers," as he had done Stanton. He continued to say that he wished they would also elect Grant a member of the club, as he was afraid that the Reconstruction Club might make him their member, and he wanted to belong to the same club with the General. He had been practising lately, he said, with Grant, giving him a few balls which he (Grant) struck amazing well, never once making a "foul," and he believed with a little practice he would make an excellent player. The President said he was so seldom in the field, that he would probably term him a "muffer;" his best position was as a batter; he believed he was a "King pin" there. (Great cheering.) He hailed with pleasure the admitted fact that the game was now designated a national one. He had tried to regulate his actions on the rules of a base-ball club. He had chosen Mr. Stanbery as umpire, and he thinks he has never yet made a foul stroke—at least the umpire has never called one. Last July, at the extra session of Congress, he received many "wild" balls from that radical pitcher, Stevens, and though a good catcher, Bill Kelley, stood behind, he struck every ball fair, and made, if not a home run, a change of base at every bat. He would say to his friends, the Mutuals, that he was now engaged in a little game where "muffing" would not answer, where every shot must be sent "hot." The Presidential nine are now having a game with the Congressional nine for the championship of the Union. Stanton, the first base of the Congressmen, was put out at their last match as pretty as ever they saw a fellow, and the President thinks that the scoring, when it is footed up, will show some good figures for the Presidentials.

He says, although the Congressmen count heavy on their men in the field, he thinks the Presidentials will soon fix on equally as good ones to take field positions, as well as at the bat. He said he had got Grant on the first base; but he did not know whether to trust him or not. He didn't seem to be quick enough, and had already "muffed" one or two balls; but he thought after awhile the Presidentials would have their nine picked, and all assigned to their proper positions.

The Mutuals, after hearing these remarks by the President, shook hands with him, and invited him to witness their game with the Nationalists that afternoon. They then retired.

Mr. Johnson, Tom Florence, and myself talked the matter over after the Mutuals had gone. Tom said he thought the President's words were about right regarding Grant, and he would move that if he staid in the Club he be put as catcher, and let some more active fellow be put on the first base. He thought Rousseau a good man. The President appealed to me as to what I thought of Grant. I said I thought he was a little out of place myself; indeed, I did not think he understood the game well enough to take a position at all, but if he must have a position, let it be in the right field. The President laughingly turned to Tom and said, "I suppose you know our young friend here is the Series Editor of the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, and he feels called upon to make a joke whenever he can; wish Seward was here, by Jove." Tom said he didn't have much of an opinion of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, or of anybody connected with it; that it was too much in politics for him. The President said I mustn't be offended with anything Mr. Florence might say, that he was a good fellow, but impulsive. I said yes, and that is not the only kind of "pulsive" he is.

"Ah!" said the President, "how is that?" "Re," said I.

The President here closed the conversation by saying, "Let's all take



AN 'INNING.'

and meet this afternoon at the field of the Nationalists."

After we set down the glasses I left. The President and Tom, I verily believe, intended taking another drink, and then resuming the discussion on Grant.

I should say General Grant might be called "Our National Game."

N. B.—Don't print this, unless the fact of Johnson joining the Club leaks out.

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